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## IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE TABLES AND COVERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. VETTER, of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Sewing-Machine Tables and Folding Covers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a top view of my improved sewing-machine table and folding cover. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same.

This invention has relation to sewing-machine tables; and consists in the construction of a slotted and recessed top, and in the construction and novel arrangement of a folding cover, substantially as hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawing, A designates the table-top, having, in the rear of the middle part where the sewing devices are arranged, a rectangular recess, *b*, and on each side of said middle part a transverse slot, *a*. B designates the back of the cover, hinged to the table at the inner end or wall of the recess *b* in such a manner that when turned back it shall lie in a horizontal position within said recess, with its upper surface even with that of the table. The part B is also hinged to the bottoms of the sides of the cover, which are marked C, are in the form of quarters of a circle, and have projections *e* at the lower ends of their curved edges, which pass through the

slots *a* and receive pins *a*<sup>1</sup> passing through the front edge of the table and holding the sides above the table. To dispose of these sides out of the way of the operator, the pins are taken out, the sides lowered through the slots, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, and the pins inserted so as to pass into holes *a*<sup>3</sup>. D represents a concavo-convex lid hinged to the back-board B, and adapted to fit over the sides C when the board B is raised, in which position it may be locked. When the board B is thrown back the part D may be lowered to the position indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 2, and may be thus used to hold various articles pertaining to the sewing-machine or to the work. It will be perceived that the edges of the sides are curved in order that they may pass through the slots. E designates springs to break the force of any sudden or forcible descent of the sides, and thus prevent straining of the hinges.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a sewing-machine table, the hinged descending sides C, folding back B, and cover D, in combination with the slotted table-top A, substantially as specified.

2. The pins *a*<sup>1</sup> in combination with the hinged descending sides C, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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